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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4046–4061; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 212, and H. Res. 518–520 were introduced. **Page H10235**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore. Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10175**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:02 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon. **Pages H10175, H10179**

Address by the Prime Minister of Ireland: The House and Senate met in a joint meeting to receive an address by His Excellency John Bruton, Prime Minister of Ireland. Prime Minister Bruton was escorted to and from the House Chamber by Senators Simpson, Cochran, Stevens, Mack, Daschle, Kennedy, Leahy, and Pell; and by Representatives Armey, DeLay, Boehner, Cox, Gilman, Blute, Franks of New Jersey, King, Lazio, Quinn, English, Flanagan, Kelly, Martini, Bonior, Kennelly, Hoyer, Montgomery, Markey, Kildee, Williams, Borski, Manton, McDermott, Neal, Moran, Maloney, and Kennedy of Rhode Island. **Pages H10175–79**

VA/HUD Appropriations: House disagreed with the Senate amendments to H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees, Representatives Lewis, DeLay, Vucanovich, Walsh, Hobson, Knollenberg, Frelinghuysen, Neumann, Livingston, Stokes, Mollohan, Chapman, Kaptur, and Obey. **Pages H10182–89**

Agreed to the Stokes motion to instruct conferees that the managers on the part of the House be instructed to agree to the amendments of the Senate numbered 95, 117, and 118 (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 407).

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Immigration in the National Interest: House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 2202; to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Hyde, Smith of Texas, Gallegly, McCollum, Goodlatte, Bryant of Tennessee, Bono, Goodling, Cunningham, McKeon, Shaw, Conyers, Frank of Massachusetts, Berman, Bryant of Texas, Becerra, Martinez, Green of Texas, and Jacobs. **Pages H10189–95**

Rejected the Conyers motion to instruct conferees that managers on the part of the House be instructed to recede to the provisions contained in section 105 relating to increased personnel levels for the Labor Department (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 181 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 408).

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, September 10:

Monitoring the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act: H. Res. 470, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Department of Education should play a more active role in monitoring and enforcing compliance with the provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1965 related to campus crime (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas, Roll No. 409);

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Student Debt Reduction Act: H.R. 3863, amended, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to permit lenders under the unsubsidized Federal Family Education Loan program to pay origination fees

on behalf of borrowers (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll no. 410) and;

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FAA Authorization: H.R. 3539, amended, to amend title 49 United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration (passed by a recorded vote of 398 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 411).

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Suspension Failed—Exports, Jobs, and Growth Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 157 yeas to 260 nays, Roll No. 412, the House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3759, amended, to extend the authority of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. This measure was debated on Tuesday, September 10.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 3816, making appropriations for Energy and Water Development for fiscal year 1997. Page H10198

Sonny Montgomery Medical Center: House passed S. 1669, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center"—clearing the measure for the President.

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure, S. 1669, to establish areas of wilderness and recreation in the State of Oregon, was referred to the Committees on Resources, Agriculture, and Commerce. Page H10228

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10179.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10188–89, H10195, H10195–96, H10196–97, H10197, and H10197–98. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS COMMEMORATIVE COIN MEASURES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy approved for full Committee action amended the following bills: H.R. 2026, George Washington Commemorative Coin Act of 1995; H.R. 1684, James Madison Commemorative Coin Act; and H.R. 1776, Black Revolutionary War Patriots Commemorative Coin Act.

Prior to this section, the Subcommittee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bliley, Johnson of Connecticut, Payne of New Jersey and Davis; and public witnesses.

TAXPAYER SUBSIDY OF FEDERAL UNIONS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Taxpayer Subsidy of Federal Unions. Testimony was heard from Lorraine Green, Deputy Director, OPM; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Timothy Bowling, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, GAO; Michael P. Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—NASA'S INFRASTRUCTURE DOWNSIZING EFFORTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held an oversight hearing on NASA's infrastructure downsizing efforts. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Schulz, Associate Director, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; and the following officials of NASA: Roberta L. Gross, Inspector General; and Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator.

COUNTER-NARCOTICS POLICY TOWARD COLOMBIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Overall U.S. Counter-Narcotics Policy Toward Colombia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Robert S. Gelbard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Eric Newsom, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; and Peter Romero, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Inter-American Affairs; and public witnesses.

NIGERIAN WHITE COLLAR CRIME

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Nigerian white collar crime. Testimony was heard from Sally Miller, Director, Office of Africa, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Mark M. Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; S.A. Michael Stenger, Special Agent in Charge, Financial Crimes Division, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; and Jonathan Winer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State.